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PARIS FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM UN BC
SUBJ: POSSIBLE BOTSWANA UNESCO MEMBERSHIP

REF: (A) STATE 265474, (B) GABORONE 2663, (C) STATE 250477,
(D) PARIS 31871

1. PERMDEL WILL RECALL THAT EMBASSY IS ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR
WAYS TO RECOGNIZE, SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE BOTSWANA'S UNIQUE
(IN SOUTHERN AFRICA) POLICIES OF NON-RACIALISM AND RESPECT
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (REFTELS).

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED (PARA 3, REF A) EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT
WHETHER GOB HAS ANY INTEREST IN UNESCO MEMBERSHIP. BEFORE
APPROACHING GOB ON THIS SUBJECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING
VIEWS OF PERMDEL AND REPLIES TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. BOTSWANA DOES NOT HAVE EMBASSY IN PARIS AND WOULD ALMOST
CERTAINLY NOT ASSIGN RESIDENT PERMREP. IF BOTSWANA DID JOIN
UNESCO, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR
TO EEC MRS. E.B. MATHE. WOULD ABSENCE OF RESIDENT PERMREP
SHARPLY LIMIT BENEFITS BOTSWANA MIGHT DERIVE FROM UNESCO
MEMBERSHIP?

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B. IT BOTSWANA JOINED UNESCO, IT WOULD PRESUMABLY BE ASKED
TO ASSURE A SHARE OF ORGANIZATION'S EXPENSES. CAN PERMDEL
ESTIMATE THE SIZE OF YEARLY CONTRIBUTION WHICH WOULD BE
REQUESTED OF GOB?

C. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT UNESCO DELIBERATIONS IN RECENT

YEARS HAVE BEEN SOMETIMES CHARACTERIZED BY DIVISIVE DEBATE
OVER ISSUES SUCH AS ZIONISM/RACISM LINKAGE AND ISRAELI
ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. BOTSWANA DOES NOT AGREE
WITH U.S. POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES AND MIGHT WELL VOTE AGAINST
US IF GOB BECOMES UNESCO MEMBER. MOREOVER, WE WONDER WHETHER
BOTSWANA WOULD BE ENCOURAGED OR CONSTRAINED TO ABANDON ITS
USUAL LOW PROFILE ON MANY CONTENTIOUS ISSUES BY HIGHLY
POLITICIZED ATMOSPHERE OF UNESCO DELIBERATIONS. IN VIEW OF
THESE CONSIDERATIONS, WOULD PERMDEL RECOMMEND THAT USG
ENCOURAGE BOTSWANA TO JOIN UNESCO?
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